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Senator Andrew M. Maynard and Representative Antonio Guerrero  
Connecticut State Legislature  
Joint Transportation Committee  
Legislative Office Building, Room 2300  
Hartford, CT 06106

Re: Honda's position on HB 6344

Dear Chairmen Maynard and Guerra:

Thank you for the opportunity to express my thoughts on House Bill 6344, which would allow the use of autonomous vehicles for testing purposes, and direct the Department of Motor Vehicles to promulgate regulations concerning the use of such vehicles. Honda shares your desire to ensure that this technology is implemented in a safe and responsible manner, but believes that the complexity of this issue warrants careful and serious consideration by all of the potential stakeholders before specific legislation or regulations are developed. We respectfully request that the committee commission a task force to study this issue before authorizing the Department to develop regulations.

While autonomous vehicle technology has received lots of attention from the media, the technology is still in its early stages of development and will not be offered to the public for several years. It is prudent for Connecticut to take this time to carefully consider the wide range of complicated issues associated with autonomous vehicles prior to enacting any substantive legislation. These issues include, but are not limited to:

- Making a clear distinction between autonomous technology and active safety technologies that automate certain aspects of the driving experience;
- Determining which vehicles will be eligible to be operated autonomously;
- Determining who in the after-market will be eligible to install and service this technology and on what vehicles;
- Determining who will be eligible to operate an autonomous vehicle;
- Ensuring that any legislation is consistent with federal regulations and laws in other states; and
- Assigning liability in the event an autonomous vehicle is involved in an accident resulting in injury or property damage.

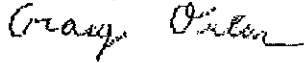
Honda welcomes the opportunity to work with other stakeholders through our membership in the Association of Global Automakers to address these important issues. We strongly encourage the committee to consider formulating a task force, similar in nature to one that is being considered in Maryland through [HB 172](#). Honda hopes to be a resource to Connecticut, which is home to our NorthEastern parts center and zone offices in Windsor Locks, as well as 118 authorized dealerships statewide.

Customer safety has always been at the core of Honda's philosophy, which is why eight Honda and Acura models earned the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety's Top Safety Pick or Top Safety Pick + awards for

model year 2014, and why Honda is considered a safety leader in the industry. For more information on Honda's safety leadership or our presence in Connecticut please visit [www.hondanamerica.com](http://www.hondanamerica.com).

Thank you for your time and consideration. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me or our Connecticut representatives Pat McCabe and PJ Cimini of Capitol Strategies, LLC at (860)293-2581

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Craig Orlan".

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